

## JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

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Thursday, March 27, 2014.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of  
allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

*Silent Prayer.*

The Speaker being in the Chair,—

Boston Fire  
Lt. Edward J.  
Walsh and  
Firefighter  
Michael R.  
Kennedy.

At the request of Representatives Coppinger of Boston and Scaccia of Boston the members, guests and employees stood for a moment of silent tribute in memory of the Boston Fire Lt. Edward J. Walsh of West Roxbury, and Firefighter Michael R. Kennedy of Hyde Park. Lt. Walsh and Firefighter Kennedy were among the first at the scene of an explosive, wind-fueled, nine-alarm blaze that injured 13 of their comrades and destroyed a century-old Brownstone building in the Back Bay section of the city of Boston yesterday.

Lt. Walsh was 43, married with three children, two boys and a girl, all under age 10; and was a nine-year veteran of the Boston Fire Department. Firefighter Kennedy was 33, a United States Marine Corps combat veteran who had served in Iraq; and was a six-year veteran of the Boston Fire Department, assigned to Engine 33.

*Guests of the House.*

North Central  
Chamber of  
Commerce

The Speaker then introduced members of the North Central Chamber of Commerce Leadership Institute, who were seated in the House Chamber. They were the guests of Ms. Benson of Lunenburg.

*Resignation of Representative Coakley-Rivera of Springfield.*

Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair,—

The following communication was read; and spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

March 12, 2014.

Steven T. James  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives*  
State House, Room 145  
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk:

Resignation of  
Representative  
Coakley-Rivera  
of Springfield.

I am writing to notify you that I will resign my position as State Representative of the Tenth Hampden District effective on the close of business of March 28, 2014. It has been an honor and a privilege to have served in the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

CHERYL COAKLEY-RIVERA,  
*State Representative.*

*Resolutions.*

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Mariano of Quincy) reaffirming the friendship between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Taiwan, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules. Taiwan.

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Benson of Lunenburg, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Cynthia Salsman, an employee of the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts (Senate, No. 2029), be scheduled for consideration by the House. Cynthia Salsman,—  
sick leave.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Ms. Garlick of Needham, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Ms. Gobi of Spencer, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on House, Nos. 808 and 813, a Bill relative to the labeling of seed (House, No. 3996). Seed,—  
labeling.

By Mr. Conroy of Wayland, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill relative to impartial medical examiners (House, No. 1697). Workers'  
compensation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for the protection of emergency responders from dismissal (House, No. 1726). Emergency  
responders.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to promoting reasonable executive compensation at private sector human services agencies (House, No. 1753). Human service  
agencies,—  
compensation.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Sannicandro of Ashland, for the committee on Higher Education, on Senate, No. 575 and House, No. 1076, a Bill relative to program approval (House, No. 3985). Private  
colleges.

By Mr. Conroy of Wayland, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill relative to workers compensation benefits (House, No. 1699). Workers'  
compensation,—  
benefits.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to binding arbitration (House, No. 1706). Arbitration.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 899 and House, No. 1717, a Bill relative to Workers Compensation Insurance (House, No. 1717). Workers'  
compensation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to plant closings (House, No. 1741). Plant  
closings.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill making investments in youth employment and educational pathways (House, No. 1759). Youths,—  
education,  
etc.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill further regulating workers' compensation (House, No. 1761). Workers'  
compensation.

Labor contracts.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill promoting public labor contracts for local residents (House, No. 1763).

Contractors,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to contractor accountability (House, No. 3354).

Employees,— protections.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 877 and House, No. 2460, a Bill extending protections to employees of the Commonwealth (House, No. 3988).

Electronic wage cards.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1705, a Bill to protect wages of employees who receive wages through an electronic wage card (House, No. 3989).

Youth,— employment programs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1719, a Bill relative to investment in employment programs that save our youth (House, No. 3990).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Garagemen,— overtime.

By Mr. Conroy of Wayland, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill relative to overtime for garagemen (House, No. 1696).

Workers' compensation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the workers' compensation exclusion for business owners (House, No. 1704).

Personnel records.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill related to personnel records (House, No. 1730).

Workplaces,— atmosphere.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill addressing workplace bullying, mobbing, and harassment, without regard to protected class status (House, No. 1766).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

#### *Engrossed Bill.*

Bill enacted.

The engrossed Bill relative to veterans' allowances, labor, outreach, and recognition (see Senate, No. 2052) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

#### *Orders of the Day.*

Third reading bill.

The House Bill authorizing the county and town of Nantucket to convey a certain parcel of land (House, No. 3801) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Methuen,— Martin B. Parayno.

The House Bill exempting Martin B. Parayno from the maximum age requirement for firefighters in the city of Methuen (House, No. 3637), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. DiZoglio of Methuen moved to amend it in section 1, in lines 8, 9 and 10, by striking out the sentence contained therein.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3637, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

*Ordered,* That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

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At seventeen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. D'Emilia of Bridgewater (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Sitting.